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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the office communication mailed November 22, 2005. In that office communication, the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims directed to three species groups. The Examiner required the election of one species group. The three species groups identified by the Examiner are as follows:

- I. Figures 23-26.
- II. Figures 27-29.
- III. Figures 30-31.

In response to this election requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traversal, Group I and submits that claims 1-14, 17-51, and 57-62 read upon Group I. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that no serious burden on the Examiner exists. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, it must be examined on the merits even though it includes claims directed to distinct or independent invention. M.P.E.P § 803. Applicants submit that the subject matter of Groups I, II and III are sufficiently related such that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group would encompass a search for the subject matter of all groups. To avoid duplicative examination by the Patent Office and unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant, Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of all the claims, not just those associated with Group I.

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It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in the event there are any questions concerning the election or if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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